

A
SOLEMN LEAGUE
AND
COVENANT,
FOR
REFORMATION;
AND
Defence of Religion, the Honour
and Happines of the KING, and the
Peace & Safetie of the three Kingdoms.
OF
SCOTLAND, ENGLAND, & IRELAND.

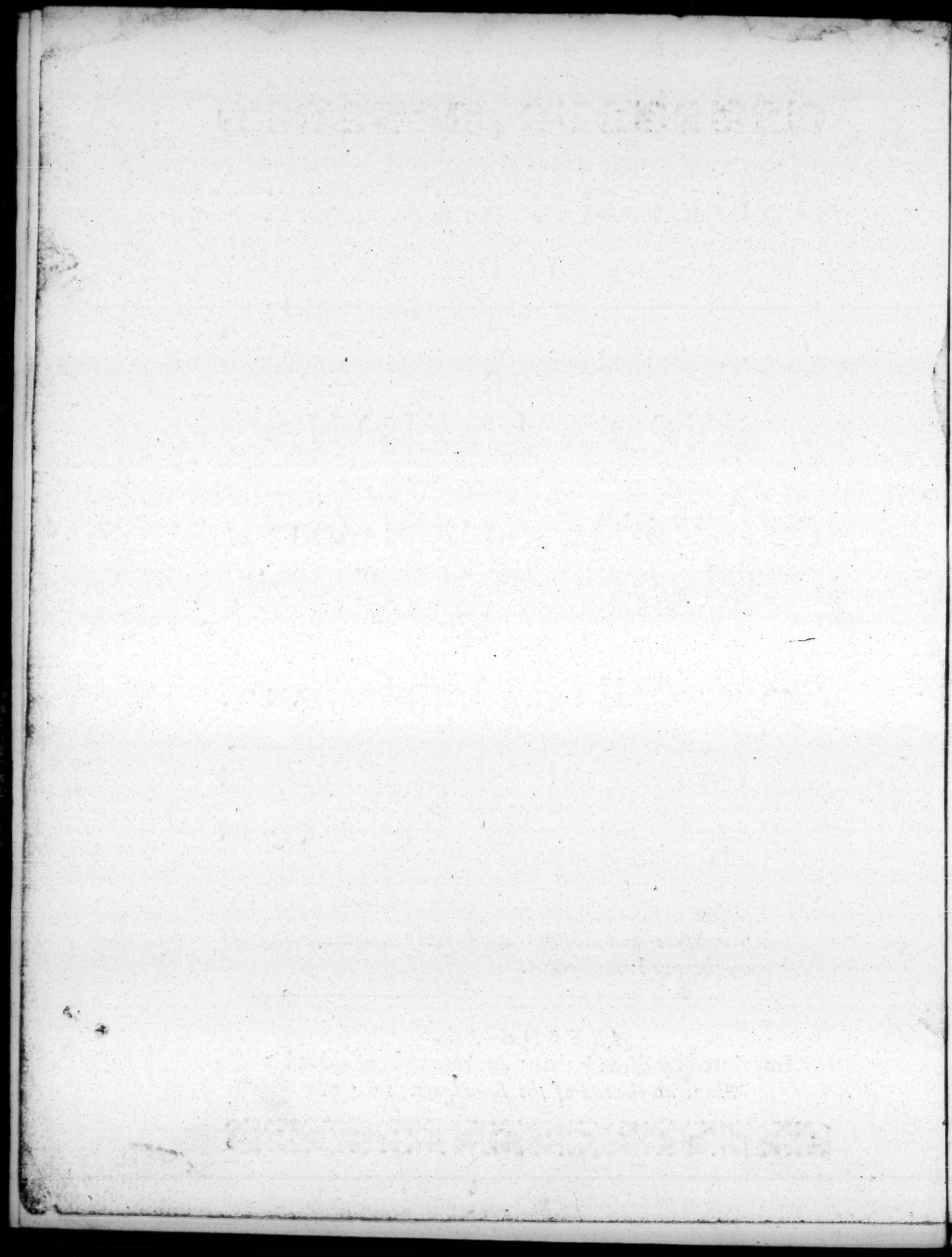
Ier. 50. 5. *Come; let vs joyn our selues to the Lord in a perpetuall
Covenant, that shall not bee forgotten.*

Prov. 25. 5. *Take away the wicked from, before the King: and
his Throne shall bee established in righteousness.*

2. Chron. 15. 15. *And all Judah rejoyced at the Oath: for they
had sworn with all their heart, and sought Him, with their
whole desyre; and Hee was found of them: and the LORD
gaue them rest round about.*

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*The Generall Assemblies Approbation
of the draught of the League and
COVENANT presented to them.*



THE Assemblie having
recomended vnto a Com-
mittee, appointed by them to
joyn with the Committee of the
Honourable Convention of E-
states, and the Commissioners of
the Honourable Houses of the
Parliament of England, for bring-
ing the Kingdoms, to a more near conjunction and
Union, receaved from the aforeseyd Committees,
the Covenant after-mentioned, as the result of their
consultations: And having taken the same, as a mat-
ter of so publick concernment, and of so deep impor-
tance doth require, vnto their gravest consideration,
Did with all their hearts, and with the beginnings
of the feelings of that joy which they did fynd in so
great measure vpon the renovation of the National
Covenant of this Kirk and Kingdome, All with one
voice approue and embrace the same, as the most po.

werfull mean, by the Blessing of G O D, for settling and preserving the true Protestant Religion, with perfect Peace in his Majesties Dominions, and propagating the same to other Nations, and for establishing his Majesties Throne, to all Ages and Generations. And therefore, with their best affections recommend the same to the Honourable Convention of Estates; that beeing examined and approved by them, it may bee sent with all diligence, to the Kingdom of England; That beeing received and approven there, the same may bee with publick humiliation, and all Religious and answerable solemnitie, sworn and subscribed by all true Professours of the Reformed Religion, and all his Majesties good Subjects in both Kingdoms.

A. Johnston.

*The Convention of Estates their Ap-
probation of the draught of the
League and COVENANT afore-
said, 17. AUGUST. 1643.*

THE Noblemen, Commissioners of Shyres and Borrowes now conveaned, having received the Covenant abovementioned from their Committee, as the result of their Consultations with a Committee of the Generall Assemblie, and the Commissioners from both Houses of the Parliament of

of England; And having taken that Covenant vnto their gravest consideration, Did with all their hearts and great expressions of joy and vnanimitie approue and embrace the same, as the most powerfull mean, by the Blessing of G O D, for settling and preserving the true Protestant Religion, with a perfect Peace in all his Majesties Dominions, and propagating the same to other Nations, and for establishing his Majesties Throne to all ages. And beeing verie confident that their Brethren in the Kingdom of England, will heartilie receave and apptoue the same: Therefore, according to the earnest recommendation of that Venerable Assemblie of this Kirk now met, thinks it most necessarie for the good ends aforesaid; that it bee sent into that Kingdom with all diligence, That beeing received and approved by their Brethren there, the same may bee with all Religious Solemnities sworn, and subscribed by all true Professours of the Reformed Religion, and all his Majesties good Subjects in both Kingdoms.

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EDINBURGH, 11 OCTOB. 1643.

*Ordinance for the solemn receaving,
swearing, and subscribing of the
League and Covenant.*



HE Commissioners of the Generall Assemblie,
having received from their Brethren sent vnto
the Kingdom of England, the solemn League
and

and COVENANT vnder-written, as it was approved by the Honourable Houses of the PARLIAMENT of ENGLAND, and the Assemblie of Divines in that Kingdom, and solemnlie sworn and subscribed there. After due examination thereof, did all in one voice most heartilie receave and embrace the same, as agreeing with the draught, vnanimousslie and chearfullie approved and embraced by the late Generall Assemblie, and Convention of Estates, As the most powerfull mean by the Blessing of GOD, for settling and preseruing the true Protestant Religion, with perfect Peace in his Majesties Dominions, and propagating the same to other Nations, and for establishing his Majesties Throne, to all ages and generations: And therefore, according to the power given to them by the sayd Assemblie, Ordain this solemn Leauge and Covenant to bee with publick humiliation, and all Religious solemnities receaved, sworn, and subscribed by all Ministers and Professours within this Kirk: And, that this may bee vniversallie performed, It is also ordayned that this League and Covenant bee foorthwith printed, & that the printed Copies, bound with some clean sheets of paper, bee sent vnto the Ministerie, And that everie Minister vpon the first Lords Day, after the same shall come to his hands, reade and explain it, & by exhortation prepare the People to the swearing and subscribing thereof solemnlie, the Lords Day next immediatlie following. And it is farther Ordained, that Presbyteries take account of the performance heereof in their severall bounds; and that they proceed with the Censures of the Kirk, against all
such

such as shall refuse, or shift to swear and subscribe this League and Covenant, as enemies to the preservation and propagation of Religion, And that they notifie their names, and make particular report of their own diligence heereintill, to this Commission, or their Moderator, or Clerk to bee delivered to them. And the Commissioners think it verie convenient, for good example, and the better encouragement of others; that this Covenant bee solemnlie sworn, and subscribed by themselves now present, before the Congregation, in the East Kirk vpon Fryday next, the 13 of this instant, after Sermon, and exhortation to bee made by Master *Robert Dowglas*, Moderator; And that the Commissioners of the Convention of Estates now in Town, and the Commissioners from the Parliament of England, and the Divines of that Kingdom heere present, bee earnestlie desyred to joyne with them in this solemn and Religious Action.

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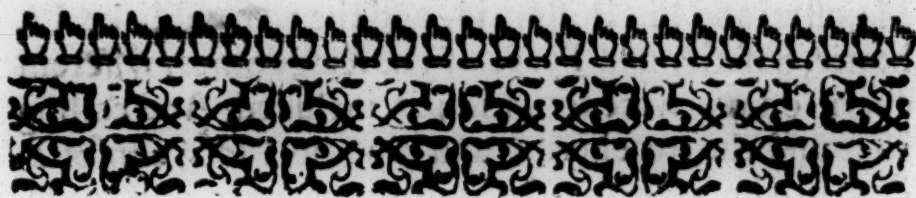
*At Edinburgh, the 12 of
October, 1643.*



THE Commissioners of the Convention of Estates, having receaved from the Commissioners of the Generall Assemblie, the solemn League and Covenant vnder-written approven and solemnlie sworn and subscribed,
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in the kingdom of England. And having taken the same to their serious consideration, do vnanimousslie and chearfullie receave, & embrace it, as agreeing with that draught, approven by the late Convention of Estates, and Generall Assemblies. And therefore, ordains the same to bee with all Religious solemnities sworn and subscribed by all his Majesties Subjects of this Kingdome: And that vnder the pain to such as shall postpone or refuse, to bee esteemed and punished as enemies to Religion, his Majesties Honor, & Peace of thir Kingdoms; And to have their goods and rents confiscate for the use of the publick, and that they shall not bruike nor enjoy any benefite, place nor office within this Kingdome. And als ordains all Sheriffs, Stuarts, and others his Majesties Magistrates to Burgh and Land, and Committees in the severall Shires, To bee assisting to Ministers & Presbyteries, in procuring reall obedience here-vnto. And that with all diligence they make report to the Committee of Estates, of the names of all such persons, as shall postpone or refuse, to the effect course may bee taken with them as aforesaid. And that they may bee cited to answer to the next Parliament, as enemies to Religion, King and Kingdomes, and to receave what further punishment his Majestie and Parliament shall inflict vpon them. And further ordains thir presents to bee printed with the former Act of the Estates, and published at the Market Crosses of the head Burrowes of this Kingdome; Wherethrough none pretend ignorance of the same.

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of Religion, The Honour & Happines
of the King, and the Peace and Safetie
of the three Kingdoms of Scotland,
England, and Ireland.



WE, Noblemen, Ba-
rons, Knights, Gentlemen,
Citizens, Burges, Ministers of the
Gospell, and Commons of all
sorts in the Kingdoms of *Scot-
land, England, and Ireland*, by the
Providence of GOD, living vn-
der one King; and beeing of one reformed Religion;
Having before our eyes the Glorie of GOD, and the
advancement of the Kingdom of our Lord & Saviour
Iesus Christ, the Honour and Happines of the Kings
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Majestie, and his Posteritie, and the true publicke Libertie, Safetie, and Peace of the Kingdomes; wherein everie ones private condition is included; And calling to mynd the treacherous and bloodie Plots, conspiracies, attempts, and practices of the enemies of G O D, against the true Religion, and Professours thereof in all places, especiallie in these three Kingdomes ever since the Reformation of Religion, & how much their rage, power and presumption are of late, and at this tyme increased and exercised; whereof the deplorable state of the Church and Kingdome of Ireland, the distressed estate of the Church and Kingdome of England, and the dangerous estate of the Church and Kingdome of Scotland are present & publick testimonies; Wee haue now at last (after other means of Supplication, Remonstrance, Protestations and Sufferings) for the preservation of our selves and our Religion from vtter ruine and destruction, according to the commendable practice of these Kingdomes in former times, and the example of G O D S people, in other Nations, After mature deliberation, resolved and determined to enter into a mutuall and solemne League and Covenant; Wherein wee all subscribe, and each one of vs for himself, with our hands lifted vp to the most high G O D do Swear:

I. **T**Hat wee shall sincerelie, reallie, and constantlie through the Grace of G O D, endeavour in our severall places and callings, the preservation of the Reformed Religion in the Church of Scotland in Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Government, against our common Enemies, The Reformation

tion of Religion in the Kingdomes of England and Ireland, in Doctrine, Worship, Discipline, and Government, according to the Word of G O D , and the example of the best Reformed Churches; And shall endeavour to bring the Churches of G O D in the three Kingdomes, to the nearest conjunction and Uniformitie in Religion, Confession of Faith, Form of Church-government, Directory for Worship and Catechizing; That wee and our posteritie after vs, may as Brethren, liue in Faith and Loue, and the Lord may delight to dwell in the midst of vs.

2. That wee shall in like manner, without respect of persons, endeavour the Extirpation of poperie, prelacie (that is, Church Governement, by Arch-bishops, Bishops, their Chancellours, and Commissaries, Deans, Deans and Chapters, Arch-deacons, and all other Ecclesiastical Officers depending on that Hierarchy) Superstition, Heresie, Schism, Prophanenesse, and whatsoever shall bee found to bee contrarie to sound Doctrine, & the power of Godlinesse; Lest wee pertake in other mens sinns, & thereby bee in danger to receaue of their plagues; And that the Lord may bee one, and his Name one in the three Kingdomes.

3. Wee shall with the same sinceritie, realitie, & constancie, in our severall vocations endeavour with our estates and liues mutuallie to preserve the Rights and Priviledges of the Parliaments, and the Liberties of the Kingdomes, And to preserve and defend the Kings Majesties Person and Authority, in the preservation and defence of the true Religion, and Liberties of the Kingd

Kingdomes; That the world may bear witnesse with our consciences of our Loyaltie, and that wee haue no thoughts or intentions to diminish his Majesties just power and greatnesse.

4. Wee shal also with all faithfulnessse endeavour the discoverie of al such as haue been, or shal bee Incendiaries, Malignants, or evil instruments, by hindering the Reformation of Religion, dividing the King from his people, or one of the Kingdomes from another, or making any faction, or parties amongst the people contrarie to this League and Covenant, That they may bee brought to publick triall, and receaue condign punishment, as the degree of their offences shall require or deserue, or the supream Iudicatories of both Kingdomes respectively, or others having power from them for that effect, shall judge convenient.

5. And whereas the happinesse of a blessed Peace between these Kingdomes, denyed in former tymes to our Progenitors, is by the good Providence of G O D granted vnto vs, and hath been latelie concluded, and settled by both Parliaments, Wee shall each one of vs, according to our place & interest, endeavour that they may remain conjoynd in a firm Peace and Union to all Posteritie, And that Iustice may bee done vpon the wilfull Opposers thereof, in manner expressed in the precedent Article.

6. Wee shall also according to our places & callings in this Common cause of Religion, Libertie, and Peace of the Kingdomes, assist and defend all those that enter

ter into this League and Covenant, in the maintaining and persuing thereof: And shall not suffer our selues directlie or indirectlie by whatsoever combination, perswasion or terrour, to bee divided and withdrawn from this blessed Union and conjunction, whither to make defection to the contrarie part, or to giue our selues to a detestable indifferencie, or neutralitie in this cause, which so much concerneth the glorie of God, the good of the Kingdoms, and honour of the King; But shall all the dayes of our liues zealouslie and constantlie continue therein, against all opposition, and promote the same according to our power, against all Lets and Impediments whatsoever; And, what wee are not able our selues to suppress or overcome, wee shall reveale and make known, that it may bee timelie prevented or removed: All which wee shall do as in the sight of GOD.

And, because these Kingdomes are guiltie of manie finnes, and provocations against GOD, & his Son Iesus Christ, as is too manifest by our present distresses and dangers, the fruits thereof, Wee professe & declare before GOD and the world, our vnfeigned desyre to bee humbled for our own sins, & for the sins of these Kingdoms: especiallie, that wee haue not, as wee ought, valued the inestimable benefit of the Gospell, that wee haue not laboured for the Puritie and power thereof: and that wee haue not endeavoured to receaue Christ in our hearts; nor to walk worthie of him in our lyues, which are the causes of other finnes and transgressions so much abounding amongst vs. And our true and vnfeigned purpose, desyre, and endeavour for our selues, and all others vnder our power and charge, both in publick

blick and in privitie in all dueties wee ow to GOD and Man, to amend our lyues, and each man to go before another in the example of a reall Reformation: That the LORD may turn away his wrath, and heave indignation, and establish these Churches and Kingdoms, in Trueth and Peace. And this COVENANT wee make in the presence of ALL-MIGHTIE GOD, the Searcher of all hearts; with a true intention to perform the same; As wee shall answer at that Great Day, when the secrets of all hearts shall bee disclosed; Most humblie beseeching the LORD, to strengthen vs by His Holie Spirit, for this end; And to bless our desyres, and proceedings, with such success, as may bee deliverance and safetie to his People, and encouragement to other Christian Churches groaning vnder, or in danger of the yoke of *Antichristian Tyrannie*, to joyn in the same, or lyke Association and Covenant; To the Glorie of GOD, the enlargement of the Kingdome of IESUS CHRIST, and the Peace and Tranquillitie of Christian Kingdoms, and Common Wealths.

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